SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE : What is the rate of interest paid on the loan ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : What is the rate of interest at which you borrow ? That is the point.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : For the benefit of the hon. Members, first I will deal with this. In 1984-85, the rate of interest paid on the public deposit which we were paying for the deposits of the ONGC was 8.5 per cent. In 1985-86, it was 10 per cent. Now, Sir, coming to the question of the hon. Member, we are paying...

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE : What is the rate of interest at which you borrow ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : There you know, it is 6.5 per cent. On the borrowed amount, ONGC has been paying 6.5 per cent.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE : From the foreign market, they are borrowing foreign currency at the rate of 6.5 per cent ...

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : Present rate is 6.5 per cent.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE : Even the LIBOR rate is higher than that. From where in the international market are they getting foreign currency at 6.5 per cent ? You are confusing it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do you know what the LIBOR is, that is, the London Inter Banking Rate ? If you know that, you tell that. I think, we better go to the next question because nobody seems to understand it.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : Sir, today, the rate of interest is 6.25 per cent.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now you got the answer. The LIBOR is 6.25 per cent.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE : That is of today, Sir. We are all referring to the past.

MR. CHAIRMAN : And he says that you have borrowed it at 6.5 per cent.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : *They borrowed it over and above that* rate, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : No, no. It is never done.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA : Yes, Sir, that is the report. They paid 1.5 per cent more than the LIBOR rate.

MR. CHAIRMAN : It could be. I do not want to say anything. What was the LIBOR at the time you borrowed in the international market, that is for 1984-85 and 1985-86 ?

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI : Sir, the details of that are not available. For the present period, I am having. If the hon. Member wants it, I can give it. For the earlier period, I do not have. I will supply to the hon. Member.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next Question. Question No. 402.

*402. [*The Questioner (Shrimati Sudha Vijay Joshi) was absent. For answer,* vide *cls* 29 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 403—Mr. Sukul.

Chinese assistance to terrorists in Tripura and Punjab

*403. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether China has been found to be inciting, training and helping the terrorists in Tripura and Punjab;

(b) how many Chinese arms have been recovered till November 1, 1986 from the terrorists; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to stop Chinese help to the Indian terrorists ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) There is no confirmed information available with Government about Chinese involvement with and assistance to terrorists/extremists in Tripura and Punjab.

(c) A constant vigil is being maintained by the security agencies/forces in this regard.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Mr. Chairman, Sir, whereas we have confirmed reports about Pakistan training our terrorists and *helping them in all possible ways, we do* not have confirmed reports about China doing the same. Still there are stray reports and certain news items appearing from

time to time that the Chinese also help our terrorists. Similarly, in one of his articles, the American mercanary, Camper wrote that some of the Punjabi terrorists had told him that there was a training camp in China also where the terrorists were given the training and they were sent here to destablise the situation in India. Does our Government have any confirmed reports about such a training camp in the Chinese territory?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Well, I must repeat, Sir, that we have no confirmed reports about any such camps as alleged by the Member.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL : I would also like to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any proof of Chinese helping the terrioriats in Tripura with arms and training, etc.,

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has already answered it.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : The answerer is 'no', Sir?

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he has any information of any collusion between China and Pakistan for training of terrorists, not specifically in China, but whether there is any collusion between the two for training against us.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : We have no information, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Yadav.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : I would like to know, Sir....

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am sorry, You please sit down. I called Mr. J. P. Yadav.

AN HON. MEMBER : He is also Yadav.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Yes, I know. I said Yadav and he heard it as Jadhav.

श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव : मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि जब तक सरकार निश्चितपूर्वक कोई हथियार या कोई आदमी नहीं पकड़ती है तब तक क्या सरकार के जिम्मे ऐसी विजिलेंस या ऐसी जानकारी प्राप्त करने की कोई मशीनरी नहीं है जिससे यह पता चले कि चाइना सचमुच में पाकिस्तान के साथ इधर इंटरस्टेड हो कर आतंकवादियों के कार्यक्रम में शरीक हुआ है?

श्री नारायण दत्त तिवारी : श्रीमान्, शासन के पास ऐसे स्रोत उपलब्ध हैं जिनके माध्यम से यह जानकारी यदा-कदा आवश्यकतानुसार प्राप्त होती रहती है। प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार ऐसी कोई निश्चित सूचना जो अधिकारिक प्रमाणीभूत सूचना हो, ऐसा नहीं है जिसके आधार पर यह निष्कर्ष निकाला जा सके जिसका उल्लेख सम्मानित सदस्य ने किया है। अभी हाल में जब जुलाई, 86 में हमारे विदेश सचिव चाइना गये थे तो वहां उन्होंने जब यह प्रश्न उठाया था तो चीन के उप-विदेश मंत्री ल्यू-शूकिंग ने उन्हें बताया He could state with utmost sence of responsibility that the reports of Chinese assistance were nonsence. सबसे ताजा जो एक अधिकारिक रूप से चीन की ओर से इसका प्रतिरोध हुआ है वह इस प्रकार उपलब्ध है तो हमारे पास कोई निश्चित सूचना नहीं है।

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the Government what the exact stand of China regarding terrorist activities in India is. The Soviet Union has clearly declared that they are going to oppose anywhere the terrorist activities in the world. Likewise, because we are having border dispute with China like Pakistan, may I know from the Government if China is not helping Pakistan with its nuclear programme and that nuclear threat is not directed against India? I would like to know from the Government what the stand of China regarding terrorist activities is.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : The Minister has already made the position clear. May I also reinforce it by saying that as early as in February 1979 when the then Foreign Minister, Shri Vajpayee, went to China, the Foreign Minister of China had told him that Chinese contact with the Naga and Mizo tribes "was a thing of the past" and no more connection, quoting again "will be established with them". On March 19, 1986, the Chinese news agency Xinhua carried the report that the Chinese foreign ministry spokesman in Beijing had

"pointed out that the reports carried out by a few foreign newspapers about Sikh terrorists of India receiving assistance from China are surely a false rumour and not worth refuting". The Minister has already pointed out, Sir, the latest position.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Sir, the news about Chinese involvement in Punjab and elsewhere, is in circulation in newspapers and from time to time it comes out. Now, here the hon. Ministers say that they have no confirmed report about it. And the Chinese Government also have officially denied it. Now, Sir, the reports are coming out that Mr. Campor of notorious Campor school says that Chinese are helping the Punjab terrorists. Now, I would like to know from the hon. Ministers whether this news despite denial by the Chinese Government and also by our Government, whether this news is coming out because it is American inspired news and also the agencies which are circulating news in our country those agencies also belong to American lobby.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : I would respectfully say, Sir, that an answer to this is uncalled for because it is based on surmises and speculation and asks for an opinion.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY : Sir, only today I read in the papers that the police have seized cartridges with Chinese markings in Delhi. In view of this may I ask the Minister whether when such things come to the notice of the Government, why not they confront this matter with their counterpart in China. They should be confronted with evidence they have but we seem to get earlier reports through press, rather than through the Government, if he has got any evidence in his hands, take up this matter with the Chinese Government and get their clarification ?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : As the House and the hon. Member are aware, this Ministry has no source of investigating directly regarding arms and weapons inside the country. The question relates to Chinese arms recovered till November 1, 1986. We have obtained from other sources of the Government the necessary information and placed it before the House. Regarding the incident which took place yesterday, obviously we were not in a position to get the information because that does not pertain to this question. Other agencies of the Government will inform the hon. Member if it is asked for.

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH : It may not be very relevant for the hon. Member to think that smuggling in arms from China is the direct concern of the Ministry of External Affairs. I come from a region which is contiguous to Nepal border, and this is the talk of the day. The hon. Member was referring to yesterday's incident of recovery of SLRs. In my district, similar SLRs were recovered. But the question is, such arms are liable to be misused by the terrorists as well. A simple incident of dacoity in Punjab, we call it an act of terrorism whereas it is pure and simple dacoity. So, may I know from the hon. Minister as to why the Home Ministry and the Foreign Ministry could not stop this inflow of Chinese arms from the northern borders to a great extent so that this may not be used by the terrorists for subversive activities ?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question not relevant.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : मान्यवर, क्या यह सही है कि अरुणाचल प्रदेश के तमाम जिलों और सामदुरंगचु घाटी जहां पर चीन ने घुसपैठ की है, वहां पर चीनी हथियार का खुलकर इस्तेमाल हो रहा है और इस आतंकवादियों की सहायता हो रही है?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : With the permission of the Minister, may say that we should not rely on what vaguely known as talks of any spurio source as Camper, or any other source.

As far the question of arms is concerned, the Minister has replied and have also said that we have not recover arms from China inside this country. I have no evidence of any connivance Chinese authorities in the terrorist activities.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY : Sir, my question was very a asked by Mr. Gurupadaswamy. I h nothing more to ask.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Next question.